



# HOUSE RECONCILIATION PROPOSAL FOR SHIFTING SNAP COSTS TO STATES

The **proposed federal plan** would make sweeping cuts to the SNAP program by shifting an unprecedented share of its costs to the states. For the first time in the program's history, states would be required to cover at least 5% of food benefit costs and up to 25% of costs depending on their payment error—dramatically increasing their financial burden and putting millions of individuals at risk of losing critical food assistance. States would also be forced to pay 75 percent of administrative costs, up from the current 50 percent.

States already have skin in the game through the administrative cost match plus penalties for quality control issues. Forcing them to absorb millions more in benefit expenses would be unsustainable and would inevitably lead to substantial cuts to benefits and eligibility, or the elimination of other vital state programs to make up the difference.

This plan would hit already under-resourced and overburdened state agencies the hardest, pushing them beyond capacity and threatening the stability of food assistance for those who need it most. The increased administrative cost share plus a provision for zero tolerance for human error would put more states at risk of paying a higher share of benefit costs, creating a vicious cycle that would hurt the integrity of the program rather than improve it.

The attached chart outlines the projected impact for each state, using current SNAP error rates to show how dramatically states' cost burdens would increase. This plan doesn't just shift costs—it threatens the integrity of SNAP and the well-being of millions of families who depend on it.

## STATE BENEFIT COST RESPONSIBILITY BASED ON ERROR RATE

| If your state has this error rate... | ...you would be forced to pay this share of benefit costs |
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| <6%                                  | 5%  |
| 6-8%                                 | 15%   |
| 8-10%                                | 20%   |
| >10%                                 | 25%   |

*Starting in FY 2028, the food benefit cost sharing percentage for the year would be based on the most recent full year of payment error rate data.*

| State                | FY23 Payment Error Rate (%) | State Share of Benefits (%) | Current Total State Responsibility<br>(50% Admin Costs for FY23) (Millions) | Estimated Total State Responsibility<br>(75% Admin Costs + Share of Benefits) (Millions) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Alabama              | 7.07%                       | 15%                         | \$65  | \$359  |
| Alaska               | 60.37%                      | 25%                         | \$12  | \$81   |
| Arizona              | 11.39%                      | 25%                         | \$70  | \$602  |
| Arkansas             | 9.57%                       | 20%                         | \$43  | \$175  |
| California           | 13.4%                       | 25%                         | \$1,324   | \$5,008  |
| Colorado             | 8.61%                       | 20%                         | \$93  | \$398  |
| Connecticut          | 8.91%                       | 20%                         | \$79  | \$297  |
| Delaware             | 22.8%                       | 25%                         | \$22  | \$96   |
| District of Columbia | 20.26%                      | 25%                         | \$37  | \$134  |
| Florida              | 12.6%                       | 25%                         | \$89  | \$1,781  |
| Georgia              | 12.07%                      | 25%                         | \$110   | \$982  |
| Guam                 | 18.01%                      | 25%                         | \$2   | \$34   |
| Hawaii               | 20.94%                      | 25%                         | \$31  | \$230  |
| Idaho                | 3.42%                       | 5%                          | \$10  | \$28   |
| Illinois             | 9.91%                       | 20%                         | \$167   | \$1,138  |
| Indiana              | 10.46%                      | 25%                         | \$91  | \$496  |
| Iowa                 | 5.19%                       | 5%                          | \$26  | \$64   |
| Kansas               | 12.07%                      | 25%                         | \$29  | \$145  |
| Kentucky             | 7.27%                       | 15%                         | \$106   | \$328  |
| Louisiana            | 6.65%                       | 15%                         | \$83  | \$411  |
| Maine                | 13.48%                      | 25%                         | \$13  | \$111  |
| Maryland             | 18.98%                      | 25%                         | \$105   | \$532  |
| Massachusetts        | 9.86%                       | 20%                         | \$86  | \$651  |
| Michigan             | 10.72%                      | 25%                         | \$192   | \$1,042  |
| Minnesota            | 6.4%                        | 15%                         | \$87  | \$257  |
| Mississippi          | 10.15%                      | 25%                         | \$29  | \$253  |
| Missouri             | 10.54%                      | 25%                         | \$56  | \$464  |
| Montana              | 6.04%                       | 15%                         | \$14  | \$46   |
| Nebraska             | 7.06%                       | 15%                         | \$24  | \$86   |
| Nevada               | 6.71%                       | 15%                         | \$43  | \$204  |
| New Hampshire        | 12.53%                      | 25%                         | \$12  | \$55   |
| New Jersey           | 35.7%                       | 25%                         | \$190   | \$762  |
| New Mexico           | 14.4%                       | 25%                         | \$30  | \$301  |
| New York             | 12.68%                      | 25%                         | \$492   | \$2,563  |
| North Carolina       | 9.72%                       | 20%                         | \$136   | \$794  |
| North Dakota         | 9.51%                       | 20%                         | \$13  | \$41   |
| Ohio                 | 7.01%                       | 15%                         | \$141   | \$684  |
| Oklahoma             | 10.64%                      | 25%                         | \$55  | \$459  |
| Oregon               | 16.76%                      | 25%                         | \$160   | \$635  |
| Pennsylvania         | 16.61%                      | 25%                         | \$214   | \$1,391  |
| Rhode Island         | 12.4%                       | 25%                         | \$25  | \$124  |
| South Carolina       | 22.57%                      | 25%                         | \$33  | \$374  |
| South Dakota         | 3.27%                       | 5%                          | \$9   | \$24   |
| Tennessee            | 12.56%                      | 25%                         | \$125   | \$592  |
| Texas                | 6.7%                        | 15%                         | \$170   | \$1,342  |
| Utah                 | 5.09%                       | 5%                          | \$26  | \$56   |
| Vermont              | 3.45%                       | 5%                          | \$12  | \$25   |
| Virginia             | 9.86%                       | 20%                         | \$174   | \$615  |
| Virgin Islands       | 10.29%                      | 25%                         | \$5   | \$25   |
| Washington           | 6.74%                       | 15%                         | \$126   | \$476  |
| West Virginia        | 10.98%                      | 25%                         | \$18  | \$170  |
| Wisconsin            | 5.15%                       | 5%                          | \$79  | \$189  |
| Wyoming              | 5.19%                       | 5%                          | \$9   | \$16   |